

9 FAM 41.32 NOTES

(TL:VISA-344; 01-09-2002)

9 FAM 41.32 N1 NONRESIDENT ALIEN MEXICAN BORDER CROSSING IDENTIFICATION CARDS (BCC); COMBINED BORDER CROSSING IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND B-1/B-2 VISAS B-1/B-2--BCC)

(TL:VISA-2; 08-30-1987)

The BCC may be stamped in the old-style Form FM 13, Mexican identity document or in a valid or expired passport issued by the Mexican Federal Government whereas a B-1/B-2--BCC may be issued only in a valid Federal Passport. Although both have indefinite validity, the visa could not be used for entry after the expiration of the passport (until/unless a new valid passport is obtained); the BCC aspect of a B-1/B-2--BCC could still be used for entry from contiguous territory (Mexico or Canada) without obtaining a new passport. In a valid passport, the B-1/B-2--BCC is valid for entry regardless of the point of origin of the travel. Issuance in the Form FM 13 will gradually discontinue as the Mexican authorities phase in a new FM 13, because the new version is too small to contain the stamp.

9 FAM 41.32 N2 FULL VALIDITY MEXICAN B-1/B-2--BCC USUALLY ISSUED

(TL:VISA-2; 08-30-1987)

The Department intends that the Mexican B-1/B-2--BCC stamp be used in place of the indefinite validity B-1/B-2 visa and that full validity be given in all cases where applicants are qualified to receive B-1/B-2 visas. Although consular officers retain discretion to limit the validity of nonimmigrant visas, the Department expects that issuance of limited validity visas will be relatively infrequent.

9 FAM 41.32 N3 TERMINATION OF ISSUANCE OF FORM I-190, NONRESIDENT ALIEN BORDER CROSSING IDENTIFICATION CARD

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Border crossing identification cards on Form I-190, *Nonresident Alien Border Crossing Identification Card*, formerly used by Mexican nationals for entry into the United States as temporary visitors for business or pleasure from contiguous territory, or from a country other than contiguous territory provided the alien was in possession of a valid passport, are no longer issued as a result of the new B-1/B-2-BCC stamp. However, BCC's previously issued on Form I-190 remain valid until revoked or voided.

9 FAM 41.32 N4 FEES

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See 22 CFR 22.1 54(b) and (c).